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Lesbians Link Up

Task Force addresses women's concerns

A dance for women at the Lambda Center on Saturday, May 31, is the first big event planned by a new task force that was formed recently to address the needs of lesbians.

The dance, which its organizers are calling the "Lesbian Link-up," will be held from 8 p.m. to midnight. There will be snacks, beer, music and fellowship.

A \$3 donation will be requested at the door, and the party is open only to women over 21.

The theme of the dance—"Lesbian Link-up"—is apt since its organizers hope it will provide an opportunity for women to meet and become acquainted with one another.

Says one of them, "We really want to have women in the Valley be more connected with one another."

And that goes to the heart of what the new task force and its activities are all about.

It was formed by several members of the Lambda Center's board of directors a couple of months ago after they became frustrated that too few women participate in its events. It's not that women don't participate. It's just that there are so many more who could.

They were also reacting to two often-heard criticisms about the Lambda Center that they believe are not entirely true:

*That the Lambda Center is a male-dominated organization.

*That the lesbians who do participate in the center's affairs are all young, upwardly mobile women with good jobs and educations.

Actually, a wide diversity of women, in numbers that have been impressive, helped launch the center in the first place and have provided all kinds of ongoing support ever since.

So, in a sense, the work of the new task force on women will be one of communicating that willingness to welcome all women.

"We want to demystify the women at the center," is the way one of them put it.

Actually, the "Lesbian Link-up" dance is not the first event organized by the new task force.

A night of "Popcorn and Porn" held several weeks ago brought a good turn-out, including many new people.

"It was a real consciousness-raiser for everybody," said one who attended.

Other events are planned. A brunch has been suggested. And the task force is already in the process of organizing a day-long workshop on women's issues that will be held later this spring.

Says one of the members of the task force, "We want to get at that isolation, regardless of age or social status."

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Center picnic planned for new date, location

The Lambda Center's summer picnic this year will be held on a different date and at a new location.

Planned for Sunday, July 13, it will be held at Kuhn's Grove, behind the Peter Pan Diner in Kuhnsville, just west of Allentown.

There will be hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken, corn-on-the-cob, watermelon and other picnic foods. Beer and soda will be on tap.

A live DJ will provide entertainment throughout the afternoon, and he may be joined by an additional few acts still under negotiation late last month. Of course, there will be the usual round of picnic games.

Tickets cost \$15 per person and \$12 for members of Lambda Center. They may be purchased by writing to "Lambda Picnic Tickets," P.O. Box 52, Maxatawny, PA 19538.

No tickets will be sold in the bars this year or at the gate.

There will be just one center-sponsored picnic this year instead

of early-summer and late-summer picnics that had been held previously. Although the dual picnic concept was considered a success, the center found that it was competing against itself as well as against other picnics and events.

The switch to Kuhn's Grove came at the suggestion of many would-be participants who found the former location in rural Berks County difficult to reach.

The switch also allows greater cost savings to be passed on to the ticket price. The high cost of tickets had been criticized in the past as out of reach to many lesbians and gay men.

Says one of the organizers, "Our main hope in lowering our ticket prices is that it will make it affordable to more people. Our goal is to have as many people there as possible."

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Affirming Gay Pride Is Antidote to Trouble

By Huntley Haverstock

A cabin atop a Berks County mountain was the scene of the Lambda Center board's planning retreat on Saturday, April 12.

The discussion focused on two areas--better communications with both the gay and non-gay community and fund raising.

The focus of our outreach into both communities could be summed up in two words: Gay Pride.

For too long, gay men and lesbians

have been hiding their light under a bushel, or if you prefer, behind a closet door.

Most of us were content for many years to regard being gay as a misfortune. It was something that was worn on Friday and Saturday night in a dark bar where, hopefully, no one would notice us.

But, you will say, there was a good reason for this.



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But if we do not admit our gay identity in some way, we court the risk of damaging our psyche in ways that can crush us later.

That is why the Lambda Center asks you in the gay community to join with us in affirming gay pride. Even if the only way you do so is to become a member of the Center, that would be a statement of affirmation of who you are. There are of course other levels of involvement. The hotline, the AIDS buddy system and other programs are available.

But we don't just spend our time in activities. Lambda Center people also

have fun. We have a picnic planned for this summer. The women's group is planning a dance. And with the new VCR and TV installed, we can offer that form of recreation as well.

It may well be true, as the "good book" says, that man cannot live by bread alone. But the Lambda Center cannot afford to be without "bread" just yet. Money is needed just to keep the physical plant going. Time, tide and PP&L wait for no one. That is why we would like to see as many of you as possible come out and join in supporting the Lambda Center.

The board is also planning raffles, parties and other events to help us raise the money we need to serve you.

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Letter to the Editor

Love isn't sex, but it helps

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The thing to remember is this: Be who you are. Never be ashamed of who you love. It doesn't matter who you love, just so long as you do love.

Some people say homosexuality is an addiction to sex. I disagree. Some homosexuals don't have sex.

Should anyone come up with the cure


for homosexuality, no way would I take it. I like being who I am. Love is not sex. Oh, it helps though.

Yes, my friends, I can say I've truly known love, and homosexuality is not abnormal. I was as I am all my life, and I'll be that way until I die.

So I can tell you that it can't be picnic time too soon for me. I'm looking forward to all those hugs I get from all my friends.

As Michael has writers' cramp, I decided that I'll write one for him. We miss his articles.

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Ongoing "GOING-ONS"

Sundays (4,11,18,25)	Metropolitan Community Church	7:30
Fridays (2,9,11,16,23,30)	Al-Anon	7:00-8:00
Sundays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays-	HOTLINE 433-5444	7:00-10:00

Calendar of Events

5	Monday	Womyn's Night	7:30
6	Tuesday	Center Dev. and Communications Com. Mtg.	7:30
9	Friday	**LAMBDA CENTER GOES TO THE THEATER**	8:00
12	Monday	Salon Night Discussion Group-Seperatism in the Gay Community	7:30
13	Tuesday	Lambda Center Board Meeting (Note day change)	7:30
15	Thursday	Hotline Business Meeting	7:30
16	Friday	Video Night/Young Adult Group (Note date change)	8:30
19	Monday	Womyn's Night	7:30
23	Friday	Young Adult Night	8:30
31	Saturday	**Lesbian Link-up**	8:00
25	Sunday	Le-Hi-Ho	2:00-5:00
6/2		Womyn's Night	7:30
6/10		Board of Directors	7:30
6/9		Salon Night Discussion Group	7:30

ASC CALENDAR

1	Thursday	ASC Management Committee	7:30
6	Tuesday	"Suburban" Team meeting-Ed's House	7:30
8	Thursday	Persons with AIDS Support Group- Call 433-5444 for details.	
14	Wednesday	Family and Friends of PWAs Support Group. Call 433-5444.	
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DON'T FORGET!!!! JUNE WILL BE GAY PRIDE MONTH IN THE LEHIGH VALLEY!!! TAKE PRIDE!!!

LAMBDA CENTER- If you have never been to the Lambda Center now is a great time to change that. Take the time to make the Lambda Center part of your May.

THEATER NIGHT

Dust off those tails, get out the gowns because the Lambda Center is going to the theater. As a fund raising benefit the Lambda Center has 200 tickets available for "America's Funniest Comedy"; "A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum". Music to this award winning show are by the nationally acclaimed composer/lyricist Stephen Sondheim. The show will be performed at the Civic Little Theater. Tickets are \$10.00 each and available through the Lambda Center. Your ticket also includes a wine and cheese reception following the performance. The reception will be at the Lambda Center. Get your tickets early...

LESBIAN LINK-UP

In the Lambda Center's continuing effort to include the entire gay/lesbian community a "Lesbian Link-Up" has been planned for May 31st at 8:00 at the Lambda Center. Lesbian Link-Up is a social event and dance planned for the Lehigh Valley Lesbian Community. This is the first event of many planned to meet the needs of the local lesbian community at the Lambda Center.

VIDEO NIGHT

Last month's Video Night was a success and this month's should even prove to be more of a success. The movie Boys in the Band will be used this month. We are having difficulty locating a copy. If anyone knows where we can get one please let the Hotline know. In the event we can't locate one we will use one of the other gay-related titles mentioned at the last Video Night. Also please note that due to the Theater Night we have moved Video Night to the 16th so that those who wish to attend both may do so.

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

MCC is moving to a Sunday evening worship beginning May 4th. At the first of these Sunday Night worship services the movie God, Gays, and the Gospels will be shown. The presentation is produced by the national UFMCC. Regardless of your religious views this is a "must see" video for gays of today.

LOOKING INTO THE CRYSTAL BALL

Upcoming is June's Gay Pride Month in the Lehigh Valley. A letter has been sent to each of the three city mayors urging them to proclaim June 22-28th Gay Pride week in their respective city. A personal call or letter form you will let them know the Gay/Lesbian Community does have Pride in itself. Contact Rod at the Lambda Center for other events that are planned.

July 13th is this summer's picnic. This is the only picnic we are having this year. The cost is \$12.50/member and \$15.00/non-member. For \$25.00 you can get a membership and a picnic ticket. We hope to make this the largest and most successful picnic yet.

Of Special Interest: CONGRATULATIONS TO LAMBDA CENTER BOARD MEMBER ROD BLACKLOCK WHO FINISHED THE BOSTON MARATHON AT 2:57:17.

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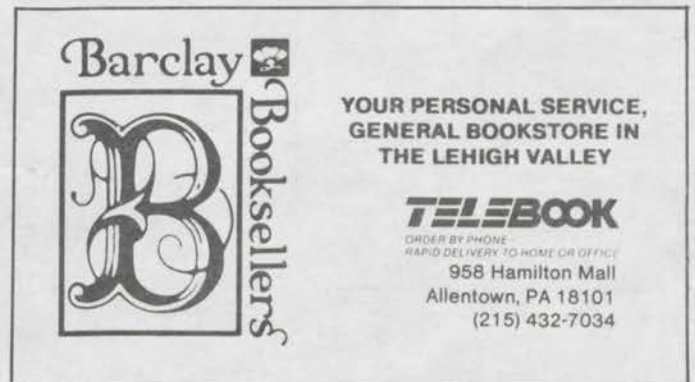
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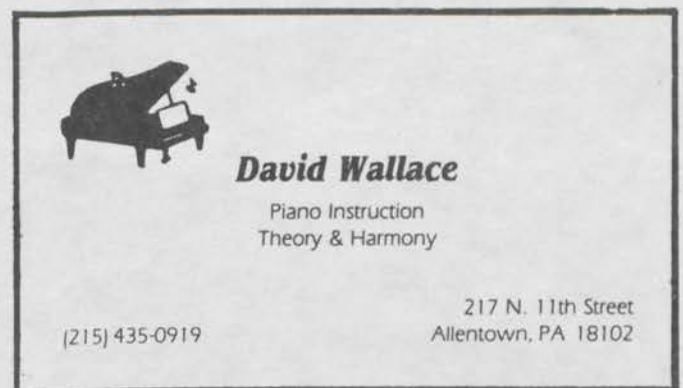
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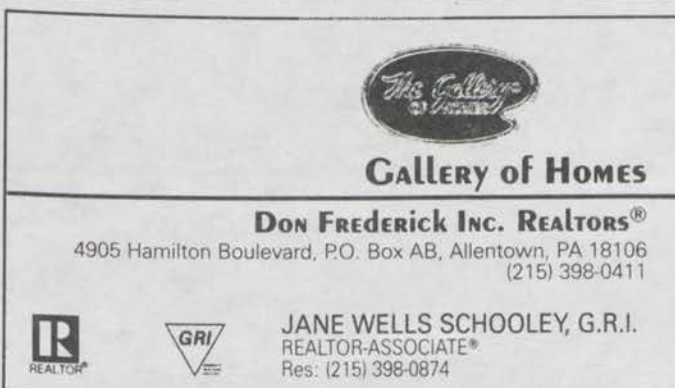
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